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Columbus. June 15th 1867

Dear brother

I received yours of
the 12th inst. This morning.

You certainly are not posted with
regard to monetary affairs in this
section, or you would not propose
selling off property. There is not
enough money here to buy the necessities
of life. Some few men have funds -
but they are of that class that always
has money, but never helps any body
therewith. Nevertheless, as you cannot
be satisfied in any other way, I will
have the ^{personal} property appraised, & your
share disposed of. If it fails to bring
you in much money, you must not
allow yourself to experience any disappoint-
ment. You were surprised at my
mentioning the money I advanced to you. I
certainly considered it a loan, & thought you

did too. I am not ~~able~~ to make presents
of that amount to any one. If I were, you
certainly should be benefited thereby. As it
is, I have nothing & am making nothing.
I agree with you that it would ^{be} impolitic
to sell the plantation now, but differ
with you concerning its capability of
division. I will make a proposition to
you. Divide the land equally. Remove
one of the cribs, & two of the negro houses
to the Back place. You may take the
half upon which the quarter is situated -
by giving me your interest in the house &
lot in Columbus. This would be fair.

Because the improvements there are
worth at least four thousand dollars -
the gin-house & Screw cost two thousand
dollars - & the best part of the land
is situated at that end of the plantation.
I would prefer doing this, because I
want a residence here. Of course, the
land could not be divided before the
growing crop has been gathered. If this

does not suit you, make a proposition.
I am anxious to have the little I ~~have~~
to itself. I mentioned your owing
Bessie ten dollars. I may be mistaken
as to the member of the family to
whom you are indebted, but you
certainly told me to hand that
amount to some one of Aunt Susan's
family - it being money forwarded
to Sister at Holly Springs, before
the surrender - & not expended. Not
having had that amount in excess at
any time, I have failed to comply
with your request.

Affectionately

S. H. Harris